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SUBJECT: THEFT, AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME

1. THEFT OCCURRED IN OFFICE OF CONSULAR OFFICER, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, CONSULATE BUILDING. MISSING IS \$253 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 84,000 LIRE (ABOUT \$96) REPRESENTING CONSULAR FEE COLLECTION OF MAY 16. AT ABOUT 1740 MAY 16, FSLE CONSULAR CLERK CLAIMS TO HAVE PUT THE MONEY WHICH WAS IN A MANILA MESSENGER ENVELOPE IN A MONEY TRAY FROM THE CASH REGISTER INTO A CONSULAR OFFICER'S SAFE-FILE CABINET. CONSULAR OFFICER VERIFIED TRAY AND MANILA ENVELOPE WERE PLACED IN CONTAINER BUT HE DID NOT ACTUALLY SEE THE MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE. OFFICER ALSO VERIFIED HE IS CERTAIN THAT SAFE-FILE CONTAINER WAS SECURELY LOCKED.

2. MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONDUCTED SY CHECK OF AREA BETWEEN 2010 AND 2100. ALL CONTAINERS REPORTED SECURE.

3. ON FOLLOWING MORNING, MAY 17, CONSULAR OFFICER OPENED SAFE-FILE CABINET IN PRESENCE OF FSLE AND GAVE HER THE TRAY AND THE MESSENGER ENVELOPE. FSLE RETURNED TO HER DESK, SLID THE TRAY INTO THE CASH REGISTER AND LAID THE MESSENGER ENVELOPE ON HER DESK WITHOUT CHECKING THE CONTENTS. SHE THEN WENT TO THE WORK COUNTER IN HER OFFICE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC LEAVING THE ENVELOPE ON HER DESK. SHE

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CLAIMS NO ONE ENTERED HER ROOM DURING THIS PERIOD. OTHER EMPLOYEES CAN WALK THROUGH INTERIOR DOORS TO ENTER HER OFFICE. FSLE WOULD HAVE HER BACK TO THE DESK WHILE SERVING THE PUBLIC. FSLE WORKED AT COUNTER FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES THEN RETURNED TO HER DESK. SHE OPENED THE ENVELOPE AND THE MONEY WAS GONE. THE COMBINATION TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER'S SAFE IS KNOWN TO THREE OTHER CLEARED AMERICAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE THE COMBINATION IN THEIR SAFES.

4. THE MISSING MONEY CONSISTS OF OFFICIAL FUNDS. CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IS NOT INVOLVED. SAFE HAS NOT BEEN COMPROMISED SINCE LAST COMBINATION CHANGE. THERE IS NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE TO TRANSMIT.

5. THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST SAFE WAS COMPROMISED, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE. IF FSLE DID PUT THE MONEY IN THE SAFE AS CLAIMED AND IF THE THEFT DID OCCUR DURING 10 MINUTE PERIOD SHE LEFT ENVELOPE ON DESK, THEN THERE IS NO OTHER APPARENT EXPLANATION. TRAY FROM CASH REGISTER CONTAINED \$73 IN AMERICAN MONEY AND 84,000 LIRE WHICH WAS NOT TOUCHED.

6. WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS.GARDNER

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